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CLEVER RUSE FOILED

Blanco Tries to Trap Our Warships Again.

RECONCENTRADOS ARE DYING FAST.

Situation in Havana Grows Worse Daily. A Land Siege Would Soon Starve the Spaniards Out—Famine Food Prices at Santiago.

KEY WEST, May 16.—Captain General Blanco last night attempted to execute a ruse which if successful would have cleared the front of Havana of six ships on that blockading station. Unable to come out to do battle, he adopted the tactics of the spider and cunningly planned to draw the prey into his net, but, though a clever and pretty scheme as an original proposition, it was practically a repetition of the trick by which the gunboat Vicksburg and the little converted revenue cutter Morrill were last week decoyed by a fishing smack under the big Krupp guns of the Santa Clara batteries. Thanks to bad gunnery, both ships on that occasion managed to get out of range without being sunk, though some of the shells burst close aboard and the Vicksburg's Jacob's ladder was cut adrift. The wary are never caught twice in the same trap.

Late this afternoon the ships on the Havana station were dumfounded to see two ships steam out of Havana harbor and head east. Dense smoke was streaming like black ribbons from their stacks, and a glance showed that they were under a full head of steam. By aid of glasses Commander Lilly of the Mayflower, which was flying the pennant, made out the larger vessel of the two, which was about 200 feet long and about 4,500 tons displacement, to be the cruiser Alfonso XII and the small one to be the gunboat Legazpi, both of which were known to be bottled up in Havana harbor. At first he supposed that they were taking advantage of the absence of the heavy fighting ships and were making a bona fide run for the open sea. As superior officer he immediately signaled the other ships on the station, the Vicksburg, Annapolis, Wasp, Tecumseh and Osceola, which were moving in to form a column in echelon, with gunboats on the right flank. The little squadron moved in obliquely toward the fleeing Spaniards, keeping up a running fire as they went. The Alfonso and her consort circled in shore about five miles below Havana, and after running in for half a mile headed back for Morro castle. Our gunboats and the vessels of the mosquito fleet did not follow them in.

Commander Lilly saw that the wily Spanish ruse was to draw them in under the guns of the heavy batteries, where Spanish artillery officers could plot out the exact range with their telescopes and pot them. So the return was made in line ahead parallel with the shore. Commander Lilly had not been mistaken. As his ships came abreast of the Santa Clara battery the big guns opened and fired 13 shells at a distance of about five miles. The range was badly judged, as more than half the shells overshot the mark and others fell short, some as much as a mile.

THE BIG ALFONSO and her convoy steamed swiftly from the dark shadow of the harbor's mouth and turning sharply east ran along the coast as though to slip through the cordon of blockade. It was a bold trick and not at first transparent, although the folly of it created a suspicion, as there was no hope of ultimate escape and no object in escaping the Mayflower, which dashed in to cut them off. The Spanish boats crowded on steam and stood along the coast as long as they dared, to give rest to the chase. The Mayflower signaled her consorts, "Close in and charge." Word was passed from ship to ship as they steamed in column in echelon. Seeing the bait had apparently taken, the Spaniards veered about and bringing their stern chasers to bear on the Americans doubled back for Morro. It was a beautiful running fire, viewed from where the Kate Spencer lay seven miles off Morro castle. Little puffs of white smoke burst from the sides of the gunboats, and occasionally an explosion of a shell in the air like a spark of fire could be discerned with the aid of glasses. The flash of the Spaniards' guns was plainly visible, reports of the same were dull and indistinct. Two of the shells from the Vicksburg burst in the rigging of the Alfonso, and some of it came down, but it was of course impossible to know whether any fatalities occurred. The American fire was much more accurate than the Spanish, as every shell of the latter fell short.

The Spaniards were a mile off Morro and our ships fully four miles further out, when flames leaped from the batteries of Santa Clara forts and clouds of white smoke drifted up the coast. Half a minute later the dull, heavy roar of a great gun sounded above the smaller ones. It was from one of the 12 inch Krupp mounted there, and an 850 pound projectile plunged into the water half a mile inside of the American line, throwing up a tower of white spray. It ricocheted and struck again half a mile outside.

The mask was now off. Maddened by the failure of their plot, the Spaniards continued to fire at intervals of about ten minutes. In all 13 shots were fired, but not one struck within 200 yards of one of our ships. As soon as the battery opened Commander Lilly and his fleet stood off shore. Captain McKensie, on the bridge of the Vicksburg, watched the fall of the shells, but he considered it useless to waste ammunition at that distance. He appeased the desire of the men with the guns, however, by letting go a final broadside at the Spanish ships, in the hope of making them pay for their daring before they gained the harbor, but they steamed under Morro's guns untouched and as they disappeared fired several shots. Several shots were sent after them at that moment by the Annapolis, which dropped inside the harbor, probably creating consternation among scores of boats on the water front.

At the close of the action, just at sundown, a press dispatch boat ran up alongside of the Vicksburg. Her men, many of them stripped of their trousers and pistol belts, were still at the guns. They and their officers received the news of Sampson's attack on San Juan with cheers that reached the Mayflower, a quarter of a mile off, bringing her crew to her side.

Commander McKensie thinks, as do other officers of the fleet, that the Alfonso has been stopped off her battery and crew and then sent back to sea.

only temporarily mounted. If it was the Alfonso XII, she must have found new boilers, since lately she was a helpless cripple in Havana harbor. From the action of the Krupp guns it is evident the Spaniards have no cordite and are using ordinary cocoa powder.

STARVATION APPROACHING.

Food Prices in Havana Going Up at a Rapid Rate.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 16.—The French cruiser Fulton, from Havana on May 8, arrived here Saturday and landed 38 refugees at the quarantine station. The Fulton will now proceed to Santiago de Cuba with provisions for the French consul there, who has cabled to Kingston requesting that food be sent to him and announcing that famine prices prevail at Santiago de Cuba.

The officers of the Fulton, until her arrival here, had been unable to obtain any definite news of the battle of Manila. The first bulletins received in Havana from Madrid were not allowed to be changed, and official Havana insisted that the honors were about even, as the American fleet had been unable to land men.

It appears from what the officers of the Fulton say that the populace and soldiers at Havana are disheartened by the blockade and the improbability of any succor reaching the city. On the other hand, a great American invading army is expected to land in Cuba shortly.

The prices of imported food, salt, meat, fish and flour, are steadily mounting at Havana, but vegetables are to be had there in plenty, and there is no probability of the troops actually starving until the city is beleaguered from the land side.

The British troopship Delwara has arrived here from Halifax with the Leinster regiment. There is no communication with Barbados, St. Vincent, Grenada and Demerara, the cable between St. Vincent and St. Lucia having been cut, as already reported.

Consolidated to Lease the New England.

WATERBURY, Conn., May 16.—Frederick J. Kingsbury, a director of the New England railroad, said yesterday that a meeting of the stockholders of the road will be called immediately to take action upon the ratification of the proposed lease of the New England road to the New York, New Haven and Hartford road. The directors of the New England road have already approved it. The meeting will be held in Hartford.

Famous Violinist Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—Eduard Remenyi, who had held royalty enchanted and had enthralled fastidious audiences all over the world, fell dead yesterday afternoon at the Orpheus theater in this city. Eduard Remenyi was born in Hungary 64 years ago. He leaves a widow, son and daughter, who reside in New York.

First on the Field.

CHATTANOOGA, May 16.—The first of the big army of volunteers are on the field. The First Ohio volunteer cavalry, 600 men, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Day, arrived yesterday and immediately went to the park. The troops did not bring horses, but will be supplied by the government here.

HUNTING CERVERA

Sampson and Schley Looking For the Elusive Spaniard.

DISPATCH FROM DEWEY.

Has Captured Gunboat Callao and Holds Cavite.

EATING HORSEFLESH IN MANILLA.

Dewey Maintaining a Strict Blockade.

Torpedo Boat Terror in Drydock at

Fort de France—Trying to

Exchange Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The dispatches from Hongkong brought welcome news yesterday from Admiral Dewey to the president and particularly to Secretary Long and the naval officials who are watching the admiral's movements with so much interest. While no apprehension existed as to his security, nevertheless reassurance of safety is always pleasant. The telegrams indicate that Dewey has lost none of the prestige gained in his memorial fight of two weeks ago and that while he refrains from taking the city of Manila he has it practically at his mercy.

The admiral expresses the belief that the rebels are hemming in the city by land, but the fact that he says explicitly that they have made no demonstration seems to disprove thoroughly the published reports that they had already entered Manila and had begun a career of bloodshed and rapine. The best evidence of the effectiveness of the blockade maintained by the American admiral and also of the work of the insurgents in surrounding the city is shown in the statement in the dispatches that provisions are scarce in the city of Manila, which seems to indicate to Admiral Dewey an early surrender by the Spanish authorities. Another published report seems also to be refuted by the admiral's advice, and that is that the rebels had raided Cavite, where the Spanish naval station was located and where presumably large supplies of arms and ammunition were kept. If the rebels have been supplying themselves with arms, it must have been with the admiral's consent, as his dispatch is originally dated from Cavite, indicating that he is still in possession. The greatest satisfaction prevails here over the good work being done and the effectiveness of the blockade being maintained by him. The dispatch as given out by Secretary Long is as follows:

"Cavite, May 13, via Hongkong, May 15.—Maintaining strict blockade. Reason to believe that the rebels are hemming in the city by land, but have made no demonstration. Scarcity provisions in Manila. Probable that the Spanish governor will be obliged to surrender soon. Can take Manila at any moment. Climate hot and moist. On May 12 captured gunboat Callao attempting to run blockade. Have plenty of coal. One British, one French, two German, one Japanese vessel here observing."

The officials are making all possible haste to rush troops to supplement Admiral Dewey's forces, so that if the Spanish government does surrender the former will not be dependent upon the small number of marines which he can rely upon from his ships, but will have the assistance of soldiers in holding his position and maintaining order. It is confidently hoped here that the City of Peking, chartered as a transport vessel, will be able to clear from San Francisco in a very short time, to be followed in rapid succession by the other three ships engaged for a similar purpose.

The Peking can carry 1,000 men, which with the marines aboard the Charleston just about to sail will be of considerable assistance to the admiral, but far from the number which he will need. The total number of men to be sent will aggregate probably 12,000, as Major General Wesley Merritt, who is to command the expedition and subsequently be made military governor, regards that as the least which can maintain order in a city like Manila, made up of many discordant elements.

Over ten regiments of infantry and four batteries of artillery from the volunteers have been ordered to concentrate at San Francisco, and from these and the regulars now in the extreme west will be taken the men for the Philippine expedition. It is expected here that practically all the volunteers will go.

Secretary Long was at the navy department several times during the day, and in addition to the dispatch from the admiral he authorized the publication of the statement that the torpedo boat Terror, belonging to the Spanish fleet, was disabled at Fort de France, Martinique. The dispatch is as follows:

"Spanish torpedo boat Terror disabled at Fort de France, Martinique."

There was a disposition among some of those who saw this statement to regard it with suspicion, suggesting that the report of disability was intended simply as a blind and that the Spanish government had caused it to be spread so that no complaint could be made to France on account of the stay of the boat at a neutral port. None of the officials, however, would express themselves on the subject. Secretary Long also made public a

message which had been received from Key West telling of the departure of the United States vessel Uncas, in command of Captain Brainard. She is bound for some point in Cuba with a view to securing the release of two American prisoners under a flag of truce in exchange for Spanish prisoners held by this government. The statement given out by the secretary on the subject is as follows:

"The United States gunboat Uncas left (Key West) shortly before midnight last night with instructions to send a flag of truce with regard to exchange of prisoners."

THE CALLAO TAKEN.

Dewey Captures a Spanish Gunboat—Manilla Population Eating Horseflesh.

HONGKONG, May 16.—The United States dispatch boat Hugh McCulloch arrived here yesterday from Manila with dispatches for the United States government. She reports that the Spanish gunboat Callao, from the Caroline Islands, recently entered the port of Manila, being ignorant of the outbreak of hostilities between Spain and the United States. An American warship fired across her bows and signaled her a demand for her surrender. The demand being disregarded, the American ship fired direct at the Spanish gunboat and the latter surrendered. The population of Manila is reduced to eating horseflesh, and the prospect of relief seems far distant.

The Hugh McCulloch also reports that the Philippine insurgents applied to Rear Admiral Dewey for his approval of an attack by them upon the city. The admiral, it appears, approved of the plan, provided no excesses were committed. The insurgents then pleaded that they had no arms with the exception of machetes, to which the admiral replied:

"Help yourselves at the Cavite arsenal."

The city of Manila, however, has not yet been attacked.

About 5,000 Spanish troops are guarding the road leading from Cavite to Manila.

There is no truth in the reported massacre of a number of Americans. There has only been a trifling incident during police duty and nobody was hurt.

"VIVA LOS AMERICANOS."

Inhabitants of Cavite Cheer Consul Williams—Situation in Manila.

LONDON, May 16.—The Hongkong correspondent of The Standard says:

"When Mr. Williams, the American consul, landed at Cavite last week, he was received with great enthusiasm and followed through the streets by a crowd of 2,000 people, shouting 'Viva los Americanos.' There were no signs that the Spanish authorities in Manila were prepared to capitulate. All the Spanish inhabitants and many British and German families have sought safety in the suburbs, taking all their belongings. In the business quarters the buildings are covered with foreign flags, the British predominating, with a view of protection should the insurgents capture the city."

"There is much feeling against the British residents, but fortunately the number of foreign men-of-war off Manila is constantly increasing, and the position of Europeans is becoming daily less precarious. Aguinaldo, the former insurgent leader, is now in Hongkong, actively negotiating, I understand, with President McKinley. I have reason to believe that he is seeking to arrange for the future government of the Philippines by a native administration under the protectorate of the United States."

"At present there is a deal of dissension among the rebel factions, some of which are negotiating with the Americans and other with the Spanish authorities."

"Whether Aguinaldo possesses enough influence to reconcile these differences and to induce the insurgents to pursue a common policy is questionable. Admiral Dewey is well advised in waiting for re-enforcements, since the fall of Manila would produce anarchy throughout the islands. The English here advocate a joint Anglo-American administration. It is asserted that Admiral Dewey has recoiled from three British ships."

OUR PHILIPPINE ARMY.

It May Start This Week—A Shortage of Supplies.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—The Charleston is still at Mare Island and nothing definite can be learned regarding the time of her departure or whether or not she will convey one or more of the troops which have been chartered to take the supplies and men to Admiral Dewey. It has been given out at the Presidio unofficially that the first ship load of men will leave today or tomorrow, but this is impossible unless the men go almost totally unprepared for the duties they may be required to perform in the Philippines. They have not been supplied with sufficient clothing or arms and ammunition. The troops need shoes, overcoats, underclothing, rifles and ammunition. It has been determined by the officers to ask for Krag-Jorgensen rifles and if these cannot be secured No. 384 modern Springfields will be requested. The quartermaster's department is unable to supply the 30 days' rations necessary for the first month's service, and these must be secured before any of the troops can leave.

The City of Peking doubtless will be the first vessel ordered to the Philippines, and she is not in condition to receive the troops, but a large force of men is at work on her, and she will be prepared for the reception of men on 24 hours notice. Orders have been received to get the first regiment ready for departure, but this cannot be done until the necessary supplies have been received. Several small steamers and schooners are engaged in transporting supplies from Mare Island to this city for loading on the Peking.

The steamers Australia, City of Sydney and Ohio are being gradually prepared for service as transports, but it will take at least a week or ten days before they will be ready for sea. It

was given out yesterday that the steamer Conemaugh has not been chartered by the government as previously stated.

THE FLYING SQUADRON.

Anchors Off Charleston After a Three Days' Voyage—No Spaniards in Sight.

CHARLESTON, May 16.—The four vessels of war comprising the major portion of the flying squadron, Commodore Schley, anchored off Charleston bar, nine miles from Charleston city, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after having been at sea for three days and with no sign of the Spanish cruisers or torpedo boats said to be in this locality. The pilots were dropped at Cape Henry on Friday night, and the squadron proceeded to sea at a ten knot squadron speed. At sunset active battle preparations were made. Ports were closed with steel covers, battle hatches covered, and men sent to the guns with instructions for a night watch to be kept. With all lights extinguished, the squadron proceeded in a southeasterly direction. Toward morning several heavy fog banks were run into, and during one of these intervals the collier Sterling became detached.

To wait for her was partly the reason that anchorage was made, although Commodore Schley communicated at once with Washington and the navy department. When the collier arrives, all the ships will take coal and then proceed to sea again.

SPAIN'S CABINET CRISIS.

New Ministry, if One Can Be Formed, For War.

LONDON, May 16.—A Madrid dispatch has been received saying that the entire Spanish cabinet has resigned. It is asserted that the new cabinet will pursue a vigorous war policy. The cabinet said to have resigned was composed as follows:

President of the council, Senor Sagasta.

Minister of foreign affairs, Senor Gullon.

Minister of justice, Senor Grolard.

Minister of finance, Senor Pulgarver.

Minister of the interior, Senor Capdepon.

Minister of war, General Correa.

Minister of marine, Admiral Bermejo.

Minister of agriculture and commerce and of public works, Count Xiquena.

Minister of the colonies, Senor Moret.

A dispatch to The Times from Madrid confirms the official denial that the cabinet changes are connected with a peace movement. The Times' correspondent says:

"The conclusion to be drawn from the reorganization that they are seeking a peaceable solution of the question has for the moment been abandoned, and the war will be prosecuted vigorously."

"There was a prolonged cabinet council yesterday afternoon, dealing with the crisis, and several points were practically settled. Senor Sagasta, though weak in health, remains president of the council of ministers, because the Liberals are in a majority in the chamber, and it would be inconvenient to have a cabinet chief, however distinguished, who is not chief of the Liberal party."

"Four ministers, Senors Gullon, Bermejo, Moret and Xiquena, will retire, partly for personal reasons and partly because of differences on important policies. Senor Sagasta will choose the strongest Liberals he can find, but several of the strongest, notably Senor Gamazo, have intimated that they will not take office at present."

"It is hoped and expected that General Correa, who has valuable qualifications for his present post, will remain."

ANGLO-SAXON ALLIANCE.

Comment of London Papers on Mr. Chamberlain's Speech.

LONDON, May 16.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Madrid says that the question of alliances is now a prominent one. The central European powers favor any attempt to lower British prestige, and in the event of a war they will be found ranged with the Latin nations. It is admitted that future events largely depend upon Russia, which at present gives the word to Europe.

The Daily Graphic says that continental critics will read a great deal in Mr. Chamberlain's speech which it does not contain. "Ever since the days of Canning," it adds, "it has been the policy of Great Britain to cultivate closer relations with the United States. Though we have not been, as a rule, met in a corresponding spirit, hope has never deserted us."

The Chronicle declares that the Anglo-American entente bids fair to become immediately a factor in the world's affairs as powerful as the Franco-Russian entente in its early days, where there was a moral treaty only. It adds, "When the former becomes a real bond its mighty power will be used for less selfish ends than have resulted hitherto from the treaty of Cronstadt."

Long Communicates With the Fleet.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Several cablegrams were received at the navy department yesterday morning from commanders of fleets, and others were sent in reply. It was stated that the government is now in communication with the several squadrons, and developments of more or less importance are looked for in the near future. In consequence of the publication of important naval movements an order has been issued by Secretary Long directing that all matters concerning naval movements be withheld from the press except such as he himself may see fit to announce. The president attended church yesterday morning and afterward had a short conference with Secretary Long. Earlier in the day Secretary Day called for a few moments.

The Yale at Sea.

ST. THOMAS D. W. I., May 16.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Yale left this port at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, heading west.

THE GUSSIE RETURNS

Failed to Make a Landing on Cuban Shores.

GUARD WAS NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

Spaniards Got Wind of the Expedition and Manned on Our Center—Warships Will Be Sent the Next Time.

KEY WEST, May 16.—The steamer *Gussie*, which left Tampa, Fla., on May 15 with two companies of the First Infantry on board in charge of 7,000 rifles and 200,000 rounds of ammunition, intended for the insurgents in the province of Pinar del Rio, remained off the coast of Cuba Thursday, Friday and Saturday, conveyed by the auxiliary gunboat *Manning*, in a vain attempt to land her cargo. Captain J. H. Dorst of the staff of General Miles and formerly United States military attaché at Vienna, headed the expedition, which returned here yesterday. Her commander, who appeared to be much crestfallen, having failed to accomplish the mission entrusted to him, refused to discuss the matter beyond admitting the failure and saying that the *Gussie* will return to Tampa, Fla.

Previous to leaving Cuban waters the Dorst expeditionary force had a skirmish with Spanish cavalry near Cabanas, 15 miles west of Havana, where an attempt was made to land part of the cargo. On Friday morning Captain Dorst abandoned the attempt at that point and steamed eastward to Matanzas, where an arrangement had been made with the insurgents to send supplies ashore at Point Maya, a mile or so east of the entrance of the harbor.

The *Gussie* and her convoy Saturday morning steamed in until about two miles off shore, when the battle of musketry from a considerable force of Spanish soldiers, concealed behind underbrush ashore, warned them that they would receive a lively welcome if they landed. The Spanish troops seemed to have been furnished with information of the contemplated landing at both points.

After this second failure Captain Dorst decided to abandon the attempt to land arms and ammunition and returned to Key West.

Captain Dorst says the failure of the expedition was due to the fact that the Cubans were unable to meet the landing party at the rendezvous, and the Americans could not land supplies with no one to receive them.

The arrangements for making a landing at Cabanas were made ten days ago by Captain Dorst with General Delgado, in command of the insurgent forces in the province of Pinar del Rio, and the supplies to be landed near Matanzas were to be conveyed to General Gomez by a force of insurgents encamped three miles back from the coast line. Both of the Cuban parties were unable, apparently, to appear at the rendezvous owing to the activity of the Spaniards.

Captain Dorst is convinced that the Spaniards have a good system of communication along the coast and that they can quickly mass enough troops to prevent the landing of a small force such as the one he commanded, and the captain believes the only way arms and ammunition can be sent to the insurgents is to land them under the cover of warships with guns sufficient to beat off any attack. Then, he adds, the arms and ammunition should be conveyed inland by United States soldiers.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Results of Yesterday's Games in the National League.

At Chicago. Cleveland, 0 0 2 0 0 0 3 0 5. Chicago, 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 2. Hits—Cleveland, 4; Chicago, 9. Errors—Cleveland, 1; Chicago, 2.

At Cincinnati. Cincinnati, 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 1 4. Louisville, 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 3. Hits—Cincinnati, 10; Louisville, 7. Errors—Cincinnati, 4; Louisville, 4.

Table of Percentages.

	W.	L.	P.C.
Cincinnati	17	4	.809
Cleveland	16	6	.727
Boston	14	9	.609
New York	11	8	.579
Baltimore	9	7	.563
Philadelphia	9	8	.529
Brooklyn	9	9	.500
Pittsburgh	11	11	.500
Chicago	9	10	.474
St. Louis	5	14	.263
Louisville	6	19	.240
Washington	4	15	.211

With the Volunteers.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Sixty-five thousand troops have been mustered in. Orders were issued yesterday directing 53 regiments of infantry, 11 light batteries of artillery and 30 troops of volunteer cavalry to go to Chickamauga; 9 regiments and 5 battalions of infantry and 4 batteries of artillery to San Francisco; 1 regiment of infantry to Key West; 4 regiments of infantry and 9 troops of cavalry to New Orleans; 1 regiment of infantry to Mobile; 14 regiments of infantry and 7 battalions of infantry to Washington and 13 regiments of infantry to Tampa.

Spaniards Leave Curacao.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, May 16.—The Spanish cruiser *Vizcaya* and *Maria Teresa* left this port at 6 o'clock last evening. Their destination is unknown. The four other Spanish warships which were off the harbor disappeared about noon, but last evening one of the torpedo boat destroyers was sighted again.

While here the two warships took on a small quantity of coal and provisions. Their departure was due to our government's requesting them to leave, as provided in the decree of neutrality. There were no collisions with the fleet. Nothing is known about the condition of the *Vizcaya*. A rumor which is not considered reliable says that there are some coal ships in this vicinity.

Sampson Reports at Cape Haitien.

CAPE HAITIEN, May 16.—The United States dispatch boat *Porter* came in here last night to send and receive dispatches to Washington. As soon as her errand was done she hurried off to rejoin the fleet, which is moving west along the coast. The auxiliary ship *Supply*, which arrived here yesterday, left this morning to rejoin the fleet.

RECONCENTRADOS' FATE.

Turned Out to Die by Their Spanish Oppressors.

KEY WEST, May 16.—The conditions in Havana, resulting from the blockade, are being gradually brought out by information obtained from fishing smacks and other small vessels captured off the coast.

Affairs at Havana now appear to be worse than at any time since the Weyler regime. The fishermen who at first braved the blockade for the high price which fish brought in Havana now run the risk, not for money, but for the food which they obtain from the sea. A number of these men have been captured at different times by various vessels of the blockading fleet, nearly all of them being released after having been questioned by our officers. They all unite in picturing the state of things at Havana as being pitiful in the extreme.

The latest news is obtained through two captures made by the United States gunboat *Machias*, which has just returned here for the first time since the blockade opened, making the longest single service of any blockading vessel off Cuba.

The *Machias* caught two fishing boats off Havana just before her return here. The Americans offered the fishermen money for part of their catch, as the fish were needed on board. But the fishermen demurred at taking money, saying they preferred to have bread, and adding that they were desperately hungry.

When questioned as to the prevalence of yellow fever at Havana, the fishermen said there was little sickness at the Cuban capital, but they added, there was much starvation. The reconcentrados, they said, are nearly all dead or have been expelled from the city to die in the suburbs.

This agrees with other reports from Havana and Matanzas, to the effect that the Spanish authorities on the departure of the American consul seized all the relief supplies and applied them to the uses of the army. The Spaniards then drove the reconcentrados into the isolated sections of the country between the coast towns and the insurgent lines, the regions described by Senator Proctor and others as being too barren and desolate to support grasshoppers.

The insurgents themselves have been busy in receiving reconcentrados, and hundreds of the latter who had no personal friends in the insurgent camps had been left to starve between the lines, which they did.

About Havana the situation is even worse. Hundreds of reconcentrados in Los Fosos, the big reconcentrado camps in Havana, were too weak to talk out of town and fell in the streets. In the suburbs, where flocks of chickens, "Weyler's chickens," as they are now termed in Havana, have feasted on the remains.

In Matanzas this feature of the situation is equally distressing.

The fishermen who have been brought here are mostly soon reconciled to capture, which means food and decent treatment. They say that if the blockade continues much longer bread riots must follow in all the large towns, as food is reserved exclusively for the army, thus forcing many people to enlist who would not otherwise do so.

Finally, the fishermen say that certain of the most desperate of the Spaniards threaten to burn Havana or blow the city up in the event of the authorities deciding to capitulate to the American forces.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Senator Sewell of New Jersey declined to accept a commission as major general of volunteers, preferring to retain his seat in the senate.

A report has reached Seattle that William C. Gates, commonly known as "Privateer Bill," and two women were killed by breaking through the ice Lake Tagish, Alaska.

Mrs. Daniel G. Heebner of Lansdale, Pa., and her infant child were drowned yesterday in Skipack creek while attempting to cross it in a carriage driven by her husband and occupied by several children.

At the Amateur Athletic union's spring meet in New Orleans Wefers won the 100 yard dash in 10 1-5 seconds and the 200 yard in 22 seconds. Flannagan in the 16 pound hammer throw, 153 1-2 inches, making a world's record. The church of St. Francis Xavier, at Ashua, N. H., which has just been sold at an outlay of \$100,000, was dedicated with magnificent ceremonies today by Bishop Pembroke of Ontario and Bishop Bradley of Manchester.

MEN AND RULES IN THE NAVY.

A captain in the navy ranks with a colonel in the army.

An act of congress in 1872 abolished flagging in the navy.

Sailors are paid from \$9.50 to \$12.50 per month and board.

At present the total enlisted force of the naval militia is 3,870 officers and men.

Only 60 per cent. of the enlisted men are Americans, and a smaller percentage yet are native born.

The "frog" ration was abolished in 1863, and since then the crew has been forbidden to drink while on duty.

There are six rear admirals in active service. The offices of vice admiral and admiral are unfilled, so there is no head of the navy excepting Secretary Long.

Five Schools of Art.

The following skit on the various schools of art recently appeared in the *Union-Jugend*: "If he paints the sky gray and the grass brown he belongs to the old school. If he paints the sky blue and the grass green he belongs to the realistic school. If he paints the sky green and the grass blue he belongs to the impressionist school. If he paints the sky yellow and the grass yellow he is a colorist. If he paints the sky black and the grass red he is an artist of great decorative talent—great enough to make posters."

Sanctified Weather Prophets.

A red sunset indicates a fine day to follow, because the air when dry refracts more red or heat-making rays, and as dry air is not perfectly transparent they are again reflected in the horizon. A coppery or yellow sunset generally foretells rain.

WISE PARROT.

In Captivity, Yet It Lays Eggs Only on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Here are two occurrences far removed from the ordinary. The truth is vouched for by local papers in the neighborhood where they are said to have taken place:

In Ironton, O., Mr. W. H. Horton, a well-known citizen, is the proud possessor of a parrot that lays eggs in captivity. This of itself is said to be remarkable, as these tropical beauties get out of the egg-laying habit when caged. But this bird did more. A year ago she laid an egg on Good Friday and another on Easter Sunday. That was all. This year, remembering the day and date, she did the same thing. Just how she kept track without an almanac is the wonder. She will be watched next year, and if the same thing happens she will be looked upon as a marvel, indeed.

Down near Evansville they had a thunderstorm a week or two ago. A lightning stroke shattered a tree near the house of Dr. Henderson, who lives near the village of St. Philip. It not only shattered the tree, but it broke every pane of glass in the house. Something like 126 new lights of glass will be needed to make the house just as it was before the lightning played its prank. So severe was the shock that the worshippers in a church hard by thought an earthquake had added its terrors to the thunderstorm then raging.

THE INVINCIBLE ARMADA.

Some Historical Points About Spain's Formidable But Storm-Wrecked Fleet.

A correspondent of the New York Press recalls the history of the "Invincible Armada," which sailed from Lisbon, Spain, against England in 1588.

That fleet was composed of 129 large vessels, carrying 19,205 soldiers, 8,460 sailors and about 2,000 slaves as rowers. It was a most formidable fleet, one of the most formidable fleets of the time.

A storm in Spanish waters destroyed several vessels of the "Invincible Armada" and the rest put into port for repairs. When everything was in readiness again the fleet started and entered the English channel, sailing along in the form of a half moon, nearly seven miles broad. They were met by the English fleet, consisting of 30 ships, which had been increased by the addition of merchantmen and privateers to about 180 vessels, under Lord Howard, of Effingham, Drake and others.

They fought. And it soon appeared that the great Armada was anything but "invincible," for Drake sent eight blazing fireships into the midst of the Spanish fleet. In terrible consternation the Spaniards tried to get out to sea, and so became dispersed. The English pursued, a storm came on and drove the Spanish vessels among the rocks and shoals. The "Invincible" fleet, with a loss of 30 great ships and 10,000 men, defeated and disgraced, sailed home again.

AN EXCLUSIVE COLONY.

Employees of the Big Powder Mills of the Du Ponts Have Even Their Own Graveyard.

Those who work in the Du Pont powder mills on the Brandywine, in Delaware, form a queer colony, says the New York Press. They are all Irish people whose ancestors came to this country when the Du Ponts started in business and went to work for them. For generations the Du Ponts and these people have passed their positions from father to son. Like their employers, they intermarry and are very exclusive. They live on what are called Du Pont's banks, which are about three miles from Wilmington. The people of Wilmington know hardly anything about them, for they have few outside acquaintances, and their visits are not frequent. The hills about the banks are the highest in Delaware, and it is at the base of them that these workers live.

The town is lighted at night by the electric plant in the works. The people have their own places of amusement, the principal being the Brandywine club, which has a finer building than any club in Wilmington. They also have dances and theatricals frequently. Nearly every one of them has lost a relative by an accident in the works. They have their own graveyard, too.

PAY OF TRAINED NURSES.

Their Duties Are Sometimes Very Arduous, and Continuous Work Is Next to Impossible.

The average sum paid to pupil nurses is ten dollars a month for the first year and \$14 a month during the second year, writes Elisabeth Robinson Scott in the *Ladies' Home Journal*. The remuneration varies in different institutions. In a few training schools the nurses are paid nothing. After graduation head nurses in hospital wards receive from \$20 to \$30 per month; superintendents from \$50 to \$1,200 a year. District nurses, who are employed by various churches, societies, and sometimes by private benevolence to work among the sick poor, receive about the same salary as a head nurse in a hospital, exclusive of board.

Private nurses receive from \$15 to \$25 a week. They have to pay the rent of a room to use as a headquarters, and their earnings are more or less precarious. It is rare for a nurse to be employed all the time, and her work is so arduous that it would be impossible for her to stand the strain of continuous work.

Women Workers of Britain.

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MILLINERY.



This week we will give you a peep at the very latest Parisian ideas for early summer wear. All are beautifully conceived, artistically executed, made of the choicest and most exquisite materials, and they are lower priced than you would dare to guess.

UNTRIMMED HATS. Big Hat projectiles will be thrown out this week, and the prices will tell them along will be LOW.

CHILD'S TRIMMED SAILORS 15c each.

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Ladies' Hemstitched Linen Handker- chiefs.....	3c each	Stove Brushes.....	8 cents
		Carpet Brushes.....	5 cents
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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—Partly cloudy weather and probably showers, to-night and Tuesday; southeasterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 A. M., 54°; 12 M., 55°; 3 P. M., 55°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—May 15—Special appropriation meeting, at Common Council rooms.

—May 15—“Satanstoe” at Casino.

—May 20—Patriotic entertainment, at St. Paul's M. E. Church.

—May 25—Dance of McQuoid Engine Co., at truck house.

—June 3—Patriotic entertainment, at Y. M. C. rooms.

—June 15—First annual picnic of O. and W. Silver Band, at Meeneshor Park.

—July 4—Picnic of Ontario Hose Co., No. 5, at Meeneshor Park, afternoon and evening.

The resignation of the Spanish ministry is not expected to involve any change in the nation's policy in regard to the war. It's merely a case of doing what Lincoln said was a bad thing to do, “swapping horses while crossing a stream.”

The indications now are that the First Regiment will be one of the last if not the very last to leave Camp Black. There is, however, nothing certain about anything connected with the State's military matters. The nincompoops at Albany change their alleged minds half-a-dozen times a day.

The captain of a fishing smack captured by the blockading fleet is quoted as saying that the reconcentrados at Havana are nearly all dead and that the few who survive have been driven out of the city to starve to death in the suburbs. Inasmuch as one of the avowed objects of the war was the relief of the suffering Cubans, good faith and humanity would seem to require that Cuba be invaded at the earliest possible moment so that the needs of the starving Cubans may be supplied.

The Newburgh Telegram, while commending the generous patriotism of subscribers to volunteers' relief funds, calls attention to the fact that private liberality in this matter was unnecessary since a law passed in 1863 and never repealed makes the town boards of country towns and the common councils of cities boards of relief and makes it their duty to provide for the needs of the families of those in the military and naval service of the United States. The relief fund raised by private subscription in this city is probably large enough to meet all the demands that will be made upon it, but if the war is prolonged beyond present expectation, the 24th's volunteers need not worry about their loved ones. Their comfortable maintenance is assured as a matter of public right.

The Gussie, which was sent to Cuba with arms and ammunition for the insurgents, has returned to Key West. Her venture was a flat failure and that no lives were lost and that the ship was not sunk seems to have been more a matter of good luck than of good management. It now turns out that the War Department was persuaded to send out the expedition by the correspondent of a New York paper, who claimed to have exact information as to the whereabouts of the insurgents and to be able to communicate with them. On arriving at Cuba the Gussie made two attempts to land but instead of insurgents found the shore lined with Spanish soldiers. It's bad enough for too enterprising war correspondents to fake the public but when it comes to faking the Government it's surely time to call a halt.

The six armored vessels of Admiral Sampson's squadron mount sixty-eight guns capable of throwing 20,100 pounds of metal at one round. Admiral Schley's five armored ships carry sixty guns, which can throw 17,400 pounds of metal at a round. The four armored ships of the Spanish Cape Verde fleet mount only fifty-four guns carrying only 9,000 pounds of metal. The armor of the United States ships averages nine and one-half inches in thickness, while that of the Spanish fleet averages only seven inches. The Spanish fleet is superior only to the American fleet in speed, its average speed being fifteen knots, while that of the American squadrons with the monitors is only nine and one-half knots, or exclusive of the monitors, fourteen knots. In view of these figures it is not strange that the Spanish fleet is keeping out of Sampson's way. Spain can put her fleet to better use than by inviting battle with a superior force.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN
GOSHEN TOWN.

Annual Sermon to Catholics—An Inscrutable Youth—Funeral of Julia McElroy—A Penitent Farm Hand—Samuel White's Queer Beliefs.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—Rev. R. B. Clark preached his annual sermon to Catholics at E. and H. Co., last night. The organization attended services in uniform. The sermon was delivered with the pastor's scholarly eloquence and the text was chosen from Revelation xxi:19.

—A small colored boy, the son of Aaron Van Dyke, who was committed to a school of refuge a year ago, has again appeared at Goshen. The youngster will not stay at home and the authorities are investigating his case and will send him back to the school.

—A requiem high mass was said at St. John's Church at 9:30 o'clock this morning at the funeral services of the late Miss Julia McElroy. Besides a large attendance of the friends of the deceased the service was attended in a body by the church society composed of young ladies, of which Miss McElroy was a member.

—Miss Antoinette Samuels has resigned her position with W. A. Clapp and will spend the coming two weeks at Newburgh with her parents.

—Frank C. Thompson has been at Hornelville for several days in the interest of the Howell C. M. & C. Co.

—A penitent, humble individual was McPoland, of Florida, as he stood with head bowed down before the bar of justice when Judge Swezey arrived at police court in response to a “hurry up” call yesterday morning. Mr. McPoland is employed by a farmer at Florida. He came to Goshen Saturday and early yesterday morning Patrolman Ellerton gathered him in as he lay a helpless, hopeless wreck by the wayside. He has on three previous occasions graced with his presence the county jail, charged with drunkenness, but his appearance yesterday was provocative of sympathy and the judge let him go on his promise to pay a fine of \$5 by Saturday next.

—Samuel White has been stirring up things generally at the police court, recently, and founded on his actions the belief exists that there is a loose screw in his mental mechanism, for he has been planting a garden in the roadway near his residence and such like capers. White's name, by the way, is a misnomer—he is black. Samuel was arrested the other day on the complaint of Mrs. Case, who charged him with assault. He contributed \$5 to the village treasury and in retaliation requested that a certain family named Nolan be corralled and arrested in a bunch. Judge Swezey prevailed upon White to take the Nolan family individually and consequently one member was arrested charged with having shied two soda water bottles at White. The complainant failed to appear, and an adjournment was taken, and upon his failure that time to appear Nolan was discharged. When the belated White finally came around the Court dismissed him with scant ceremony, whereupon he immediately went down to Nolan's residence and shook hands with him.

HYMENEAL.

Graham-Jackson.

Copies of the Olean Herald received in this city announce the marriage, Wednesday evening, of Frederick T. Graham, formerly of this city, and Edna A. Jackson, of Olean. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Wilbur, pastor of the Methodist church, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Ayres. Only the immediate relatives of the bride were present. There were many beautiful and costly gifts.

Mr. Graham, who is employed in Geo. B. Adams' store in Olean, has many friends in this city who unite in good wishes and congratulations.

Alfred Boyst, Warrior.

The Argus received a call, Saturday night, from the famous politician, roller-skater and now seeking to be a warrior, Alfred Boyst. He states that he is organizing a regiment in New Jersey and that he now has the signatures of 600 recruits on the list. Four women are on the list. He has a letter from Vice-President Hobart regretting that this regiment cannot be accepted just yet.

Why a Young Man Hanged Himself.

Alonzo Hedges, the eighteen-year-old farm hand who committed suicide by hanging himself in a barn at Mountainville, last week, had become insane through reading of war news. He believed that he had been commissioned by the Lord to shell Havana and killed himself because he could not get there to carry out the Lord's behests.

Corner Stone Laying at Chester.

The corner stone of the Episcopal church, at Chester will be laid, this afternoon, by Archdeacon Thomas, of Highland Falls. Rev. David Evans of this city, is in attendance on the exercises.

Ascension Day Exercises.

On Ascension Day, next Thursday, there will be three services in Grace church. Morning prayer at 7:30 a. m., Holy Communion at 10 a. m., Evening prayer at 7:30 p. m.

Surgeon Ashley Goes to Join His Regiment.

Surgeon M. C. Ashley left to-day, to join his regiment, the First New York Volunteers. There was a large party of friends at the depot to bid him goodbye.

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All Knee Pants reduced, starting at 12c a pair.

The famous Mrs. Hopkins' Knee Pants 45c, Corduroy Pants 39c.

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Full line of Children's Reefers below cost,

Full line of Shirt Waists,

Full line of Jackets at cost,

And plenty of other useful articles,

ALL AT OUR HANDSOME STORE.

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We Have Made Great Reductions

ON

JACKETS, SUITS AND CAPES!

The styles are the latest—the qualities are among the best. Jackets at \$3.98 and \$6.98, formerly \$5 to \$14. Silk Capes \$5 to \$8, formerly sold up to \$15. Ladies' Suits at a liberal reduction. Children's Garments at cost.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street.

Telephone 166.

NUTS TO CRACK!

Price have been hit hard this week. We have broken the hard shell of regular prices and now present the fine kernels of Reduced Prices.

PANTS—Cottonade Pants from 75 cents up.

SUSPENDERS—We have just three dozen of the famous Knots Suspenders. Will close the 25 cent quality out at 19 cents, 50 cent quality at 37 cents.

HOSIERY—From a cotton sock up to a fancy plaid silk stitched, 4, 7, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40c. These represent former values of from 5 cents up to 50 cents.

COLLARS—Earl & Wilson Collars. The best fitting, best wearing collar made. A 25 cent Collar for 20 cents to close.

NECK TIES—Have too many. See them go at 10, 15, 19, 25, 50 cents. Representing values formerly 25 and 50 cents.

REMEMBER—We are headquarters for large sizes, particularly in Underwear. Sizes up to 54. Butchers' Coats at popular prices, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Our sale of Children's Clothing was a great success. A few values left.

ADAMS & BOYD,

No. 41 North Street, Middletown

FELT SWEAT COLLARS

FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS, AT

40 Cents Each.

SUMMER GOODS ARE READY FOR INSPECTION.

JOHN T. OGDEN & SON, 40 W. Main St.

WOOD & HORTON, Louisiana Red Cypress

Dealers in Best Grades of

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BALED HAY, STRAW AND FEED.

WOOD & HORTON,

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For Delicacy,

for purity, and for improvement of the complexion nothing equals Pozzoni's Powder.

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“When wood first came to be employed in the arts, the durability, strength and beauty of Cypress caused it to be selected for costly buildings, such as the palace of David and the temple of Solomon.”

History repeats itself, and Cypress is again coming in general use in the best buildings, for the following reasons:

It will take paint better than any other wood.

It partakes of the highest polish.

It is the most durable wood in the world.

It is proof against insects and vermin.

It will not rot and is cheap.

FOR SALE BY

CRANE & SWAYZE,

11-19 Montgomery St., Middletown.

GRAIN, FEED, HAY—Large stock, low prices. 18 West St. VANFLEET'S New Feed Store.

Soon You'll Need Them.

CROQUET—Extra good sets at low prices.

HAMMOCKS—Free our special Dollar Hammock, with pillow and spreader.

PORCH SCREENS—All sizes ready to hang and price low.

BASE BALL GOODS—We are headquarters as usual.

KODAKS—The Eastman goods always in stock. Catalogue for the asking.

Latest War Maps and best of everything in war literature.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

Does He Use

Up Shoes?

That boy of yours is rough on Shoes, is he? Then you should try the sort we sell for

ONE DOLLAR.

Sizes 8 1/2 to 13 1/2, tan or black. Money saved by following the footprints to

C. D. HANFORD'S,

No. 43 North Street.

Thunder and Lightning

Has made its appearance, also our stock of

SPRING

Capes!

DON'T BE AFRAID OF EITHER.

We Know the Prices

on Our Capes

Will Not Hurt You, Even if They

are So Low that They

Scare You.

STOP AND EXAMINE THEM

WHEN OUT SHOPPING.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN ON EASY TERMS.

New Six-Room Cottage on

North Street.

Bath, closet, range, hot and cold water, heated by hot air furnace. Possession given at once. See

CASE & TAYLOR

S. M. BOYD,

ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC,
15 EAST MAIN STREET.
FIRE INSURANCE.

Those special Blank Books, had made at McINTYRE'S BINDERY, 30 North Street, Middletown, are not cheap and the price is all right.



THE EXCELLENCE OF SYRUP OF FIGS

is due not only to the originality and simplicity of the combination, but also to the care and skill with which it is manufactured by scientific processes known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only, and we wish to impress upon all the importance of purchasing the true and original remedy. As the genuine Syrup of Figs is manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only, a knowledge of that fact will assist one in avoiding the worthless imitations manufactured by other parties. The high standing of the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. with the medical profession, and the satisfaction which the genuine Syrup of Figs has given to millions of families, makes the name of the Company a guaranty of the excellence of its remedy. It is far in advance of all other laxatives, as it acts on the kidneys, liver and bowels without irritating or weakening them, and it does not gripe nor nauseate. In order to get its beneficial effects, please remember the name of the Company—

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. NEW YORK, N. Y.

Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF MAY 9.

John Welch, black-face song and dance; Lily Wilmont, descriptive singer; Mary Edwards, song and dance; Ada Russell, serio comic. P. 9.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show. Cars leave for Middletown at 1 a. m., and Goshen at 12:20.

APPLE BLOSSOM!

The lovely pink and white Apple Blossoms deck our north window. They advertise our delightful new perfume "Apple Blossom." It is dainty but lasting, has good body yet leaves only a sweet fragrance as it fades. APPLE BLOSSOM, the breath of orchards in spring time. Although our very latest, newest and youngest, it gives promise of great popularity and strength and a vigorous life—this true American child "Apple Blossom." Calling up memories of pleasant strolls in "Orchards rich in bloom"

Apple Blossom is sold in
Cut Glass Bottle, 50 cents.
Half Size, 25 cents.
Trial Size, 10 cents.

Be sure you get the genuine—our name on the label.

Making all our own Perfumes, we give better value to our customers in price and quality.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

CHOCOLATE SODA.

Who likes Chocolate will like our rich Chocolate Soda Water. We use the old fashioned chocolate, use plenty of it and make it full and rich. When out walking or shopping, drop in and try a glass.

Ice Cream Soda 5 cents
McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

New Furniture

IS WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT

IN SPRING!

We have a complete line of up-to-date

House Furnishings!

All of it

New This Spring.

THE CHEAPEST PLACE IN THE CITY.

FRANCE & HATHAWAY,

25 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

—No. 155 draws at Greening's, this week.
—\$7.50 a barrel for Washburn's flour at J. W. Most's.
—Dress goods \$1.00 per suit at H. E. Cherehall & Co's.
—Hiko shoes \$1.25 up at Ramon's.
—See adv. of Fred Moulie, ophthalmic optician.
—Stylish millinery at Frank Crawford's.
—See First National Bank report.
—When ailing, take Menyon's Remedies.
—Backache cured by Benson's Capelin Plaster.
—Colds cured by Hale's Horsebalm, Honey and Tar.
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—Chauncey Olcott, Thursday night.
—Robt. Klienfeld sent a hundred cigars to the 24th, Sunday.

—The Common Council holds an adjourned session, to-night.

—John Kirschbaum caught 102 large catfish at Highland Lake, Saturday.

—A new hearse for a Wurtsboro undertaker was aboard a car in this city, to-day.

—Chauncey Olcott will be the closing attraction for the Casino season, next Thursday night.

—The lessons were read in Grace church, yesterday, by H. A. Caparu, of Yonkers, an old school friend of Rector Evans.

—Twenty-four volunteers from Nyack were mustered into the 12th Regiment at Peekskill, Friday. They were assigned to Co. H.

—Fred Moulie, practical optician, who who is now located at 5 West Main street, up stairs, has an interesting advertisement in another column.

—The death of the late Dr. Brown at Cornwall is said to have been due to valvular disease of the heart, superinduced by the excessive smoking of cigarettes.

—Dr. Fancher is out with a handsome Stanhope phaeton, with a Victoria top, rubber tires and conveniences planned by the owner. It was secured through the Middletown Wagon Co.

—Every sweetheart of a volunteer who goes to war ought to follow the examples of many patriotic employers and assure the young men that their places will be retained for them.—New York Press.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Saidie Sliter went to Brooklyn to-day.

—John Kuhlman, of Ellenville, was in town, to-day.

—John Hendershot, of Brooklyn, spent Sunday in this city with friends.

—Miss Stella Brownson, of Newark, is spending a few days in this city with relatives and friends.

—J. "Deacon" Skidmore, of the Wallkill had work, has returned from a visit at Bridgeport, where he participated in some Masonic work.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ryan and daughter went to Butler, N. J., to attend the twentieth anniversary of the wedding of Mrs. Ryan's sister, Mrs. John Lee.

—Walter Lowrie, a classmate of R. Brewster Beattie in Princeton Theological Seminary, returned home, to-day, after spending a few days with Mr. Beattie in this city.

—Mrs. E. M. Shultz is stopping with her mother, Mrs. Dater, at Sloatsburgh, as her husband is in camp with the 24th Separate Co., of Middletown.—Suffern Independent.

—Frank Chardavoyne, of Westtown, Orange county, recently spent a few days with his brother, William H. Chardavoyne, an attendant at the State Hospital.—Fishkill Standard.

—Miss Emma Bowler, who has been an obliging assistant at Isaman & Son's bakery, severs her connection there, to-night, and Miss Anna Gordon temporarily accepts the position.

—Thomas Flitteroff, division freight and passenger agent of the Scranton division of the O. and W., personally and popularly known to every railroad man in this section of the State and every fireman in Middletown, was the guest of W. M. Tiel, traveling agent of the road, to-day.

—Word has been received that Rev. E. T. Sanford, pastor of the Port Jervis Baptist Church, who is traveling in the Holy Land, is ill with typhoid fever in a hospital at Beirut. His illness is not regarded as serious by the physicians in charge of the hospital, which is under the control of the Syrian Protestant College.

Another Rainy Sunday in Store.

A lady in this city who makes something of a study of weather lore says that we have had six rainy Sundays and must expect another for it rained on Easter Sunday and the experience of many years, as embodied in an old weather maxim, is that if it rains on Easter Sunday it will rain on the seven following Sundays.

Probably the Work of an Incendiary.

N. L. Jennings discovered one of the doors at the Draper hat factory building on fire, Saturday night. He quickly extinguished it, aided by others. It is supposed that the fire was of incendiary origin.

WILL COMMAND TROOPS AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Brig. Gen. Francis L. Guenther has been assigned to temporary command of the troops concentrated at Washington for purposes of organization.

Dr. Wm. J. ... Dr. Wm. J. ... Dr. Wm. J. ...

THE SPANISH FLEET.

Samson's Squadron Steaming to Head It Off

SPAIN'S CABINET CRISIS!

New Ministry Will Have a More Vigorous War Policy.

Samson May Meet Spanish Fleet Off Cuba's East Coast.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The Navy Department has been informed that Sampson has located the Spanish ships bound north and is steaming through the Windward Passage to head them off. A battle may be fought off the eastern coast of Cuba.

BLOCKADERS WARNED THAT SPANISH FLEET IS COMING.

KEY WEST, May 16.—The blockaders on the south coast of Cuba have been warned that the Spanish fleet is off Venezuela, bound northwest, and have been ordered to redouble their vigilance. Powerful vessels, not named, are ready to aid the smaller ones.

There is little chance that the Spanish will be able to enter Cienfuegos, which is so desirable to them because it is fortified and has large coal facilities and machine shops. Both our squadrons know the course of the Spanish fleet.

MORE VIGOROUS WAR POLICY.

Spanish People's War Spirit is Rising and the New Cabinet Will Meet Its Expectations.

MADRID, May 16.—Senator Moret confirms the statement that any changes made in the Cabinet will be wholly in the direction of a more active war policy. He said:

"Recent events have greatly increased the war spirit of the nation and the greatest reliance is placed upon Admiral Cerveras' squadron and upon the skill of the Spanish admiral. The latter is not hampered by instructions and the details of his plans are not even known to the ministers."

WILL EXCHANGE PRISONERS.

Newspaper Correspondents to Be Exchanged for Officers.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

KEY WEST, May 16.—The United States tug Ucas has returned from off Havana without two American newspaper correspondents, Charles Thrall and Hayden Jones, captured by the Spaniards and imprisoned in Fort Cabanas, whose release the commander of the Ucas attempted to consummate on the basis of exchanging them for Spanish prisoners held in the United States.

Neither Capt. Brainard nor any others on board will give details of the result of the expedition.

NEW YORK, May 16.—A special dispatch from Key West to the Evening World says:

The World correspondents imprisoned in Fort Cabanas in Cuba are saved. General Blanco has acceded to the representations made to him, yesterday, by the United States special government agent, Lieut. Brainard. As quickly as two Spanish officers can reach Key West they will be taken to Havana under a white flag to be exchanged and the World correspondents will be brought back to Key West by the same special steamer.

THE FIRST DEAD HERO.

Ensign Bagley's Body Buried With Fitting Honors.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 16.—The body of Ensign Worth Bagley who was killed on the torpedo boat Winslow, last Wednesday, arrived here this morning. The body will remain at the Bagley home until 1 o'clock when it will be escorted to the Capitol. The funeral ceremonies will be held at 4 o'clock.

Flags on public buildings are at half mast and business is suspended. School children will attend the funeral in a body.

A NEW WORRY FOR SPAIN.

MADRID, May 16.—Admiral Camara, commander of Spanish reserves squadron at Cadiz, has been recalled here to confer with ministers regarding his intended operations. The newspapers express fear that a secret Anglo-American alliance already exists.

CREATING NEW OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The House has passed the Senate bill providing for an increase in the force of the Adjutant General's office by authorizing the appointment of one Assistant Adjutant General with the rank of Colonel, and of another with the rank of Major.

SPANISH FLEET COMING NORTH.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The Navy Department has received information that the Cape Verde fleet, Commander Cervera, with Villanet, second in command, having charge of the destroyers, left Curacao, last night, bound north.

SPAIN'S CABINET CRISIS.

MADRID, May 16.—The Queen Regent has charged Senor Sagasta to form a new cabinet. A communication will be sent to the Chambers announcing the Cabinet crisis and asking them to suspend their session pending its solution. Orders have been issued countermanding the reception which was to have been held, to-morrow, in honor of the King's birthday. The generals in the different districts have been instructed not to hold their usual receptions.

SPANISH TROOPS FIRED ON.

KEY WEST, May 17.—The tug Ocesola reports that while cruising along the Cuban coast with the Ericsson, Friday, they saw a large body of Spanish soldiers patrolling about eight miles east of Havana. Both boats sent in a fusillade of shots which scattered the troops. It is not known if any soldiers were killed. The Spanish did not return the fire.

MANY LIVES LOST IN A FIRE.

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., May 16.—A disastrous fire occurred here, early this morning, when the Materie St. Joseph was burned, causing the loss of seven lives and the injury of a number of inmates of the institution, of whom there were about 200, by jumping from windows. There are also five persons unaccounted for. The cause of the fire is unknown.

EXTRA GUARDS AT KEY WEST.

KEY WEST, May 16.—Extraordinary precautions are being taken in the harbor, extra guards and watchers are being employed.

Only government employees are allowed to approach the government dock. The store houses are filled with provisions and ammunition and the enemy could work incalculable damage.

FOOD AND ARMS FOR THE CUBANS.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—In the House, to-day, Mr. Marsh presented the conference report upon the bill authorizing army officers to furnish food for the Cuban people and arms and equipments for the Cuban army. The report was adopted without objection.

THE TERROR TO SAIL TO-DAY.

ST. PIERRE, MARTINIQUE, May 16.—The Spanish gunboat Terror, which has been undergoing repairs at Fort De France, will probably leave that port, to-day. Nothing is known regarding her destination.

RESTRICTIONS ON COAL SUPPLY.

ST. THOMAS, May 16.—Coal in future will not be delivered to belligerent warships without permission of the Government.

ANOTHER CALL FOR TROOPS.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Because of the intended departure of 18,000 troops for Manila the President will issue in a few days another call.

THE YALE AWAITING ORDERS.

ST. THOMAS, West Indies, May 16.—The Yale returned here to-day, and is now awaiting orders at this port.

A Well Managed Excursion.

The O. and W.'s excursion, Sunday, like all excursions on this road, was admirably managed. The train was on time to a minute and the run from Weehawken to this city was made in an hour and fifty-seven minutes. Excursion Agent W. M. Tiel gave his personal attention to the excursionists and if he could have regulated the weather as well as he did the other details of the trip, the excursionists would have had a delightful outing.

Rev. David Winters at the First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. David Winters, of Charleston, W. Va., a candidate for the vacant pulpit at the First Presbyterian Church, preached morning and evening to good sized audiences, Sunday. He will also occupy the pulpit next Sunday at both services.

Stoned a Swarm of Bees.

A swarm of bees alighted in the vicinity of Wilkinson's livery stable on West Main street, Saturday afternoon, and some boys threw stones at them. For a little while things were very lively in that vicinity, several persons having been stung.

Lieut. L. S. Stivers Ordered to Peekskill.

First Lieut. L. S. Stivers was ordered to Peekskill, this morning, by Adj. Gen. Tillinghast. What assignment is in store for him is not known here.

Orange County Underwriters' New Secretary.

E. C. Price, of Goshen, has been elected secretary of the Orange county Board of Underwriters, vice Ira L. Case, resigned.

Going to a Congregational Convention.

Dr. W. A. Robinson will go to Norwich, to-morrow, to attend the Congregational convention to be held there, Tuesday night, Wednesday and Thursday.

City Officers Satisfied.

Mayor Mame and Alderman O'Neal were initiated yesterday in the 24th company's branch of the "O'Brien Guard."

WORKS OF A LOCAL ARTIST.

Slightly Meritorious Portraits in Oil of Justice Field and Thomas S. Reed.

A portrait, in oil colors, of Justice Field, of the United States Supreme Court, on exhibition at the studio of L. D. Evans, 9 West Main street, is more than worth going to see. It is not only a speaking likeness of the distinguished jurist, but is a work of genuine art, and is in especial strong in the flesh tints and breadth of treatment.

This piece of work, which really would do credit to any well selected gallery of paintings is from the brush of Mr. Evans, who has now upon his easel and well under way, a portrait of the masterful face of that idol of our Republican friends, Thomas Brackett Reed. Upon this one has to but look to see the counterpart of the very man himself. This bit of work exhibits strength and vigor of treatment such as one would only expect at the hands of an artist of more than national repute.

To the Anson man who chanced to stumble into Mr. Evans' studio, last Saturday, these pictures afforded genuine and pleasurable surprise, and he is now wondering how it came about that he was, for even a short time, ignorant of the presence in the community of an artist of such high order of ability.

Chauncey Olcott at the Casino.

Next Thursday evening will be the fourth time that Chauncey Olcott has appeared in this city and on every occasion every seat in the house has been sold. "Sweet Inniscarra" will be produced on this occasion, and it is said it is the best of all Mr. Olcott's productions. The scenery used will occupy one entire special sixty foot car and all the Casino scenery will be removed. Mr. Olcott's company this season is composed of over thirty well known artists.

Rockland County's Road Appropriation.

Rockland county's supervisors, Friday, rescinded their action in appropriating \$21,050 for county roads and passed a new resolution making the amount \$10,500. Of this \$2,250 is apportioned to Ramapo; \$2,800 to Orangetown; \$1,950 to Clarkstown; \$1,800 to Haverstraw and \$1,700 to Stony Point.

Interfered With the Officers.

Peter and Edward Morris, of Fulton street, attempted to interfere with the duty of Officers Brinkrhoof and Durham, Saturday night, and they landed in jail.

They were each fined \$10 or ten days in Goshen jail, and they were trying to raise the cash, to-day.

Building in the Third Ward.

The Third Ward is throwing up its hat because about all of the building now going on in this city is in that ward. The condensery and tannery additions, the new electric light plant and Horton's new stable are all going up in the Third Ward.

Run Away on East Main Street.

A horse attached to a milk wagon, which had been left alone for a moment, ran away on East Main street, Sunday morning. The horse was stopped at Franklin Square before any damage resulted.

The Mission at St. Joseph's.

The Redemptorist mission in St. Joseph's Church began Sunday and despite the rain the services were well attended. A large congregation was present at this morning's early services at 5 o'clock.

Obituary Notes.

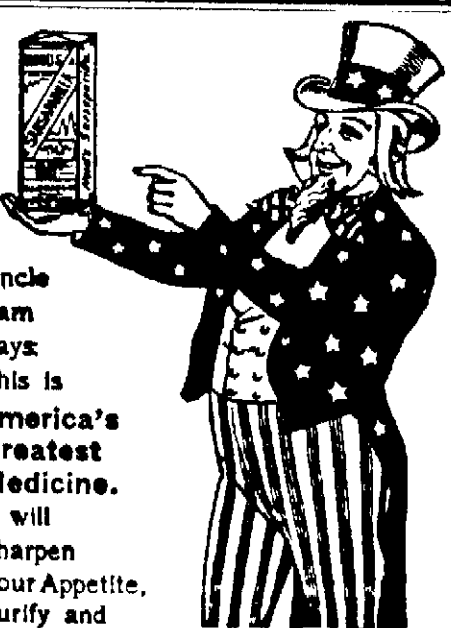
—George Day, who was employed at the State Hospital, died there, Saturday.

—Mrs. Lockwood died at Port Jervis, Sunday, at the age of seventy-five, of general debility. She was a sister of the late County Clerk Charles Gray. The funeral will be held Wednesday.

—John Mink, a well known baggage expressman, steamboat agent and excursion manager of Newburgh, died in St. Luke's Hospital in that city, Sunday morning, aged fifty-seven years. He had, so far as known, no relatives.

—John K. Odell, a native of Greenville, a blacksmith who invented what is known as the "Sussex" plow, and also a snow plow for railroads, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John W. Decker, in Wantage township, Sussex county, N. J., Thursday, aged 74 years. He leaves several children.

The languor so common at this season is due to impoverished blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures it by enriching the blood.



Hood's Sarsaparilla is America's Greatest Medicine. All druggists.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

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Ideal Treatment for Rheumatism. The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism removes at once the rheumatic poison from the system and the disease immediately disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Life Renewer" builds up the shattered nervous system, improves the digestion and restores the general health. It is the greatest cure for all nervous diseases and weakness as well as the most powerful nerve builder known. Sold by J. E. Mills, 9 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

Special Sale, This

Week Only, on

BIKE SHOES!

Men's Bike Shoes, \$1.25

Men's Tan Bike Shoes, \$1.50

Men's Black Bike Shoes, \$2.00

Ladies' Canvas Bike Shoes, \$1.75

Ladies' Canvas Bike Shoes \$2.00

Great Bargains in Bicycle Shoes at

SAMUELS'

One Price Shoe Store, No. 111

North Street, Middletown.

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AN AWFUL WASTE.

The Way We are Selling Off Our

Children's Waists Seems to Be

a Great Waste of Money.

Just notice a display of

them in our west window.

They are marked down to 15

and 29c. Most of the 29c ones

were formerly sold for 75

cents.

We just specify these waists

but we are giving just as

great bargains in everything

else in the store.

We are certainly selling the

goods. You get the bargains.

All sales are for cash.

GEO. W. YOUNG,

16-18 East Main St., Middletown

Clothier, Hatter and Mer-

chant Tailor.

Blatta

Insect

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A Dress Question—

"How shall I cleanse dainty dresses, and gauzy, filmy things that a rough touch would ruin?"

The Answer: "Wash them with the daintiest, purest, safest soap that's made—"

FAIRY SOAP

Pure—White—Floating. The soap of the century.

THE N. M. FAIRBANK COMPANY.
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IMPROVING QUALITY.

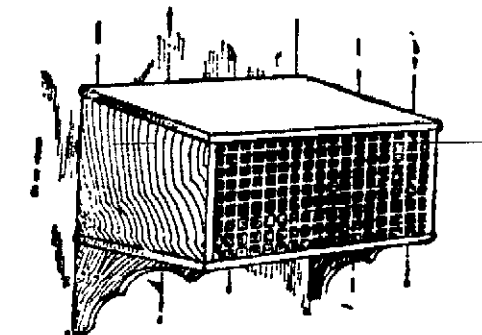
Why Farm Butter Should Be Made with the Same Care as the Best Creamery Product.

One of the problems of particular importance to the dairy interests is that of improving the quality of butter made on a great many farms. Large quantities are made in this way and a great portion of it is of quite inferior quality. It is not remunerative to those who produce it, says the Indiana Farmer, and it adversely affects the general market for good butter, because it is transformed into "ladies" and "process butter," which enter into competition with genuine butter, with much the same results as follow oleomargarine competition. A good deal of the butter that is made might just as well, from the standpoint of the maker, of the industry and of the consumer, not be made at all, since it does not pay any of them. If this butter could be improved in quality it would add largely to the value of the dairy product of the country and would help its makers to earn a living. Perhaps the most serious obstacle to improving the lower grade of dairy butter is the fact that the butter in rural districts that is made on the farm is so largely sold at groceries and general stores. The buyer is principally engaged in selling goods. He must hold his trade and he purchases farm butter as a mere incident to his business. He does not, and dare not, conduct this branch of it on its merits. He is glad enough to buy good farm butter if it comes to the store, and he will set it aside for his own use or for the use of good customers, but when the maker of poor butter brings in a batch, he is afraid to refuse it or to pay less for it than he did for the good butter. He knows that he would lose the trade of the maker if he did. One farmer's wife will make good butter, but what inducement has she to try to do still better when her neighbor, who makes poor butter, gets as much a pound for it as she does, or what motive has the maker of the poor butter to make it better when she gets just as much for it as is paid for the better butter made in the neighborhood? Human nature is so constituted that the doctrine of rewards and punishment cuts a large figure with it. On the average it does not take extra trouble and pains unless it sees corresponding rewards for doing so. The quality of a large mass of farm butter would be very much improved if some way could be devised whereby every pound that is made were sold upon its actual merits, the good butter-maker receiving a good price and the maker of grease a grease price.

KEEPING MILK SWEET.

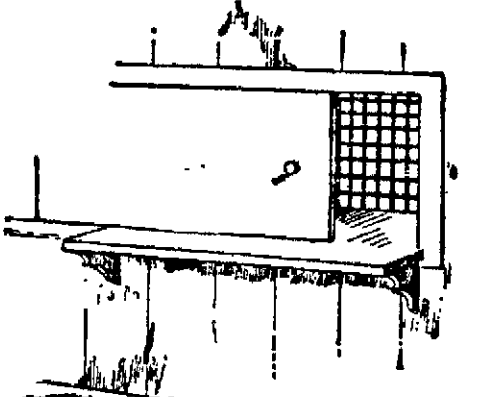
Simple Device for Protecting it Against Bacteria Which Injure the Butter Flavor.

It is well known that milk remaining in the stable quickly absorbs odors that injure butter flavor. It is an inconvenient



OUTSIDE VIEW.

ence on many farms to carry away to the dairy each pail as soon as it is filled. The sketch shows a handy shelf outside the cattle quarters, but reached from within. As each pail is filled the slide is pushed back and the pail is set out on the shelf, where it is protected by the



INSIDE VIEW.

top and the grating from cats, etc., while it is surrounded by pure air. Fig. 1 shows the inside and Fig. 2 the outside arrangement of this ventilated barn milk-closet.—Orange Judd Farmer.

Use of the Babcock Test.

The use of the Babcock test to determine the amount of butter fat in the milk is not for the purpose of determining how much butter can be made from the milk. The object is to find the relative value of the milk. Before the Babcock test was invented milk was bought at so much per 100 pounds regardless of quality. It was known that this was not a fair way, as some cows gave milk much richer than others, but it was the best way they had. The test is used to find how much fat there is in the milk and in that way the relative value of all milk brought to the factory is determined.—Dakota Field and Farm.

Butter That Sells Cheap.

There are many grades of butter on the market, and it may be safely stated that hundreds of farmers' wives do not know how to make good butter. Every one has some methodical way of performing the work, learning nothing and increasing the cost and labor, only to put on the market an article to be sold at a low price, because buyers will not take it as long as they can get something better.—Troy (N. Y.) Times.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

- 14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
- 15—North street and Low avenue, hat shop.
- 16—North St. and Water Ave., toy shop.
- 17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
- 18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
- 19—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
- 20—West Main street and Walker street.
- 21—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
- 22—James and Henry streets.
- 23—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
- 24—East Main street and West Main street.
- 25—W. Main street, corner Monahan avenue.
- 26—State Hospital Gate.
- 27—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
- 28—Liberty street and Prospect street.
- 29—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
- 30—High and Hanford streets.
- 31—Canal street, confectionery.
- 32—Liberty and Fulton streets.
- 33—Fairview avenue and South street.
- 34—Fulton street and East avenue.
- 35—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
- 36—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
- 37—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
- 38—Academy avenue and Gensung street.
- 39—Myrtle and Prospect avenues.
- 40—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
- 41—North street, near Orchard.
- 42—Franklin Square.
- 43—East Main street, box number, denotes that a strike is being made.
- 1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
- 2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
- 3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
- 4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is on.

For Over Fifty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. It disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child, suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth, a mother at once gets a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhoea, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and is used in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup."

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mystic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

Some Foolish People.

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away" but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

One minute is not long, yet relief is obtained in half that time by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. It prevents consumption and quickly cures colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, la grippe and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

After using a 10 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm you will be sure to buy the 50 cent size. Cream Balm has no equal in curing catarrh and cold in head. Ask your druggist for it or send 10 cents to us.

ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City. I suffered from catarrh three years; it got so bad I could not work; I used two bottles of Ely's Cream Balm and am entirely well; I would not be without it. —A. C. Clark, 341 Shawmut Ave., Boston.

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Time Table in Effect Dec. 12th, 1897. NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	11	1	5	9	1	5	9	1	5	9	1	5	9	1	5	9
N. Y. LEAVE																
Franklin St.	11:00	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	1:00	3:00	5:00
W. 42d St.	11:05	1:05	3:05	5:05	7:05	9:05	11:05	1:05	3:05	5:05	7:05	9:05	11:05	1:05	3:05	5:05
Cornwall	11:10	1:10	3:10	5:10	7:10	9:10	11:10	1:10	3:10	5:10	7:10	9:10	11:10	1:10	3:10	5:10
14th St.	11:15	1:15	3:15	5:15	7:15	9:15	11:15	1:15	3:15	5:15	7:15	9:15	11:15	1:15	3:15	5:15
Orin Mills	11:20	1:20	3:20	5:20	7:20	9:20	11:20	1:20	3:20	5:20	7:20	9:20	11:20	1:20	3:20	5:20
Little Britain	11:25	1:25	3:25	5:25	7:25	9:25	11:25	1:25	3:25	5:25	7:25	9:25	11:25	1:25	3:25	5:25
Burnside	11:30	1:30	3:30	5:30	7:30	9:30	11:30	1:30	3:30	5:30	7:30	9:30	11:30	1:30	3:30	5:30
Campbell St.	11:35	1:35	3:35	5:35	7:35	9:35	11:35	1:35	3:35	5:35	7:35	9:35	11:35	1:35	3:35	5:35
Stock Ford	11:40	1:40	3:40	5:40	7:40	9:40	11:40	1:40	3:40	5:40	7:40	9:40	11:40	1:40	3:40	5:40
Mt. Zion	11:45	1:45	3:45	5:45	7:45	9:45	11:45	1:45	3:45	5:45	7:45	9:45	11:45	1:45	3:45	5:45
Main St.	11:50	1:50	3:50	5:50	7:50	9:50	11:50	1:50	3:50	5:50	7:50	9:50	11:50	1:50	3:50	5:50
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Winterton	12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	8:00	10:00	12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00
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Wardsboro	12:10	2:10	4:10	6:10	8:10	10:10	12:10	2:10	4:10	6:10	8:10	10:10	12:10	2:10	4:10	6:10
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Liberty	12:40	2:40	4:40	6:40	8:40	10:40	12:40	2:40	4:40	6:40	8:40	10:40	12:40	2:40	4:40	6:40
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Cadonia	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00	9:00	11:00	1:00	3:00	5:00	7:00
Ward	1:05	3:05	5:05	7:05	9:05	11:05	1:05	3:05	5:05	7:05	9:05	11:05	1:05	3:05	5:05	7:05
Maywood	1:10	3:10	5:10	7:10	9:10	11:10	1:10	3:10	5:10	7:10	9:10	11:10	1:10	3:10	5:10	7:10
Sidney	1:15	3:15	5:15	7:15	9:15	11:15	1:15	3:15	5:15	7:15	9:15	11:15	1:15	3:15	5:15	7:15
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Castile	1:20	3:20	5:20	7:20	9:20	11:20	1:20	3:20	5:20	7:20	9:20	11:20	1:20	3:20	5:20	7:20
Onondaga	1:25	3:25	5:25	7:25	9:25	11:25	1:25	3:25	5:25	7:25	9:25	11:25	1:25	3:25	5:25	7:25
Pulaski	1:30	3:30	5:30	7:30	9:30	11:30	1:30	3:30	5:30	7:30	9:30	11:30	1:30	3:30	5:30	7:30
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